

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
PIXLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District met in a regular meeting on the 9th day of August 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Tipton, California.

The meeting was called to order by President Atsma. It was determined the following Directors were present:

Director Div.3	Thewis Atsma
Director Div.2	Bill De Groot
Director Div.5	Frank Junio
Director Div. 1	Raymond Westbrook
Director Div.4	Rusty Schott

Staff present:

Daniel G. Vink, General Manager  
Mike Battles, Operations Manager  
Eric Limas, Business Manager

Guest present:

Dick Moss – Engineer  
Herb Simmons - Engineer

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Junio and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented.

The Minutes of the June 7, 2012 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director Junio, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

## **WATER RESOURCES**

### Water Supply

General Manager Vink reviewed with the Board a variety of water related activities including the current declaration from the Friant Division which has been fixed at 55% Class 1 for the year. 2012 is one of the driest years in recent record and has resulted in no water available for purchase by the Pixley Irrigation District for summer water deliveries.

The Board discussed groundwater conditions within the District and in particular held a discussion regarding a potential groundwater summit for later in September or October. General Manager Vink will be coordinating with various landowners to have a frank and candid discussion about the groundwater conditions within the District and what steps can be taken to protect and preserve the resource.

It was further reported that the Board will be meeting jointly with the Lower Tule River Irrigation District Board on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August at 10:00am to discuss matters related to pending or threatening litigation.

## **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

### Operations & Maintenance

The Board reviewed a variety of Construction and Maintenance activities including an update from General Manager Vink, Business Manager Limas and Operations Manager Battles on the distribution system expansion/Lateral 116 project.

Business Manager Limas updated the Board on the ongoing working being done on Right-of-Way acquisition. Operations Manager Battles reviewed the plans and designs and General Manager Vink reviewed with the Board potential properties for a recharge basin / terminal spill facility. The appraisals should be completed sometime in August or September. No action was taken on any items.

General Manager Vink reviewed potential changes to his contract and employment package which included a recommendation by the personnel committee consisting of Russell Schott and Frank Junio. On motion by Director Junio, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board authorized changes to General Manager Vink's contract and compensation. A copy of the General Manager's contract is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

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Administrative Matters

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of July. On motion by Director Junio second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board accepted the Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the June and July bills. On motion by Director DeGroot second my Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the June and July bills and authorized payment of the bills.

General Manager Vink reported that the District has filed an application with the State of California-- Department of Water Resources for a grant under AB303. The application would fund, in part, the additional work being done on the banking project with Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2012-8-1, authorizing filing of the grant application. A copy is attached as **EXHIBIT 'B'**.

CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager Vink updated the Board on a variety of Cross Valley Canal related activities. No action was taken.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the July 26, 2012 minutes of the Friant Water Authority. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

MISC. AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES:

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Deer Creek and Tule River Authority will be having its meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September.

U.S.DEPT OF INTERIOR/BUREAU OF RECLAMATION:

Nothing new to report.

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**MEETINGS, HEARINGS, NOTICES:**

Nothing new to report.

**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:**

- A. ACWA / JPIA - Nothing new to report
- B. California Farm Water Coalition – Nothing new to report

There being no further business to be brought to the Board's attention and the meeting was adjourned to the 14<sup>th</sup> of August at 10:00am at the District office in Tipton, Ca.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel G. Vink  
General Manager